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1889

Scarboro-Carver House  
325 W. Gordon  
Bel Air  
private

This is a puzzling house. Under its aluminum siding may be some Queen Anne shingles. Otherwise the front bay window with Queen Anne windows is the only trace of style. The recessed porch on the northeast corner is unusual in Town.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Scarboro-Carver House

AND/OR COMMON

Burley House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

325 W. Gordon

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

\_\_\_DISTRICT

☒BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_\_SITE

\_\_\_OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

\_\_\_PUBLIC

☒PRIVATE

\_\_\_BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**☒OCCUPIED

\_\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**☒YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_NO

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_\_PARK

☒PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Douglas R. Burley

Telephone #: 838-8436

STREET &amp; NUMBER

325 W. Gordon

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 656

Folio #: 496

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR  
☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two and a half story aluminum-sided house is at 325 W. Gordon in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. It is a slightly awkward house. It has a large slate roof, its ridge parallel with the street. The street side (north elevation) could be called 4 bays wide: from east to west, part of a porch, a single story rectangular bay window with a flat roof, a molded cornice, and two narrow windows with Queen Anne tops, another pair of Queen Anne windows, a door with a gable hood on plain brackets and a narrow transom all in the first story. The second story of this slightly confused elevation has a pair of 2/2 windows over the bay window, a 6/6 over the other two Queen Annes and then another 2/2.

The east elevation, which faces the circular drive, is more coherent. It is two bays wide. The first story has a recessed porch in the north bay. It has square posts and a balustrade with square balusters. The apparent main entrance is in the north face of this recess. The second story has 2-2/2 windows. The attic level has a pair of these windows and a thin round-headed ventilator in the gable.

The rear (south) elevation is irregular, too. It has a gable in the west bay, with a two story gable roofed addition (bathroom?) onto that. This continues along the elevation as a single story shed roofed addition. The windows in the main block are 2/2. One 2/2 occurs in the east end of the addition. Pairs of 1/2 windows flank the back door.

The west elevation continues the idiosyncrasy of fenestration: a round-headed ventilator and pair of 2/2 windows at the attic level, one 2/2 in the middle of the second story and a narrow 1/1 in the north bay of the first story. At the extreme south end of the main block is a two story hexagonal bay window with its own gable roof, 2/2 windows in the face and slim 1/1 windows in the sides. The side of the ell has a pair of 1/1 windows in the first story.

Two chimneys break the roof line, one in the ridge more or less over the front (north) bay window, and another in the middle of the rear (south) roof slope. On the whole, a slightly confusing and incoherent design.

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## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1889

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This spare house was among the earliest in the Richardson Addition. It is very difficult to classify with its coat of aluminum siding. Its 1889 date suggests that there were more Queen Anne touches than the windows in the north bay window. The siding has wiped away its character. It is, nevertheless, a house of simple shape for the period. It was built in 1889 by Harold Scarboro on land he bought from Margaret J. Heald and Walter Watters for \$500 (65/13). Scarboro was a Bel Air attorney; in 1899 he had his office in the Ferry Building (Ranneberger Bldg., 31 Courtland). He mortgaged the property in 1895 for \$1800 (83/52), but apparently that did not help all that much. In 1904 after a suit by the Harford National Bank, he and various creditors sold the property to Isabella P. Milton (113/228). He was living in Baltimore City at the time.

Mrs. Milton sold it in 1908 for \$3100 to Harry S. Carver (122/449). Carver was also an attorney with offices in the Lee Building, 20 Office Street. This was the Carver family home. In 1926 Carver's widow, May, bought the house after defaulting on the \$2000 mortgage (1915, 149/483). By 1932 she had re-married. As May S. Carver Ewing she purchased her son John's share of the house (223/386) and left it to him in her will (21/444). In 1964 John Carver sold it to Douglas R. Burley (656/496).

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Harford Democrat

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #460 in the Town of Bel Air.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Marilynn Larew, Architectural Historian

8 December 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

TITLE: 325 W. Gordon

656/496                    27 August 1964  
John S. Carver & Margaret  
                             to  
Douglas R. Burley & Margaret

302/56                    21 December 1946  
Catherine Lochary  
                             to  
John S. Carver & Margaret  
devised to John S. Carver by will  
(21/444) of May S. C. Ewing

302/55                    21 December 1946  
Carvers  
                             to  
Lochary  
straw

223/386                   25 April 1932  
John S. Carver, bachelor  
                             to  
May S. Carver Ewing  
She held  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  in trust for her son,  
John. Buys his share. She was living  
there.

198/275                   6 May 1926  
Philip H. Close, trustee  
                             to  
May S. Carver  
defaulted mortgage \$2,000 (1915, 149/483)  
May = trustee for Harry S. Carver, Jr. &  
John S. Carver

122/449                   16 April 1908  
Isabella P. Milton, widow  
                             to  
Harry S. Carver  
\$3100 two lots

113/228

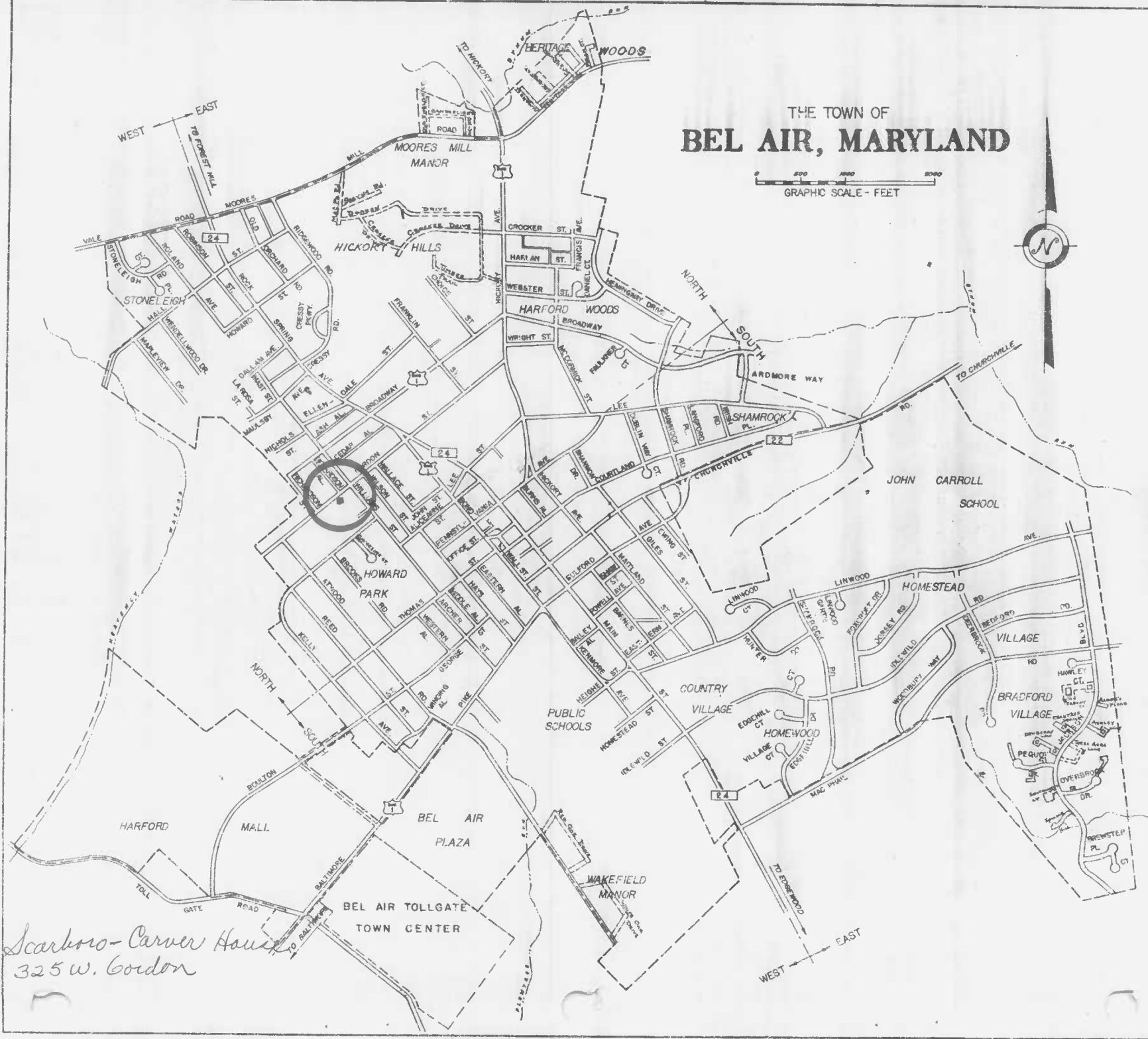
20 May 1904  
Harold Scarboro & Frances; Henry D.  
Mentzel & Albert W. Mentzel (formerly  
Mentzel & Sons) all of Baltimore City;  
George L. VanBibber and Harford National  
Bank  
to  
Isabella P. Milton  
HNB vs Scarboro  
mortgage \$1800 (1895, 83/52)

65/13

13 April 1889  
Margaret J. Heald & Walter Watters  
to  
Harold Scarboro  
\$500

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GRAPHIC SCALE - FEET



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